<u>Amendments to the Claims:</u>

Please amend claim 1 as follows and add claim 2.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer method for creating a portfolio of investments comprising the steps of:

selecting a portfolio of investments from a plurality of potential investment options;

adjusting a desired risk-return characteristic of said selected portfolio by adjusting a risk-return pointer using a graphical user interface device; and

transmitting by the computer <u>a portfolio trading order including a plurality of trades</u> ~~one or more trades~~ to implement an adjusted portfolio over a computer network.

2. (New) The computer method according to claim 1, further comprising:

determining automatically by a processor a weighting of a plurality of instruments in the portfolio to accommodate said adjusted risk-return characteristic.